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For: Speed Control for Utility Vehicle)
Operable From Rearward-Facing Seat)

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AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of November 21, 2003, wherein the Examiner allowed claims 7 and 9-11, rejected claims 1, 5 and 12, and objected to claims 4 and 13. Claims 2, 3, 6, 8 and 14 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A utility vehicle control system for a utility vehicle having a forward-facing driving position and a rearward-facing seat, comprising:

a speed-controllable transmission operable to output power to drive a wheel;

a creep speed control actuator located adjacent to the rearward-facing seat, said creep speed control actuator operable by an operator to select a